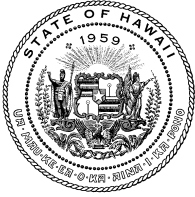


GM519

Measure Title:	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee, COLETTE KON, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.
Report Title:	Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea
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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

GM 519, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council

Testimony of Romala Sue Radcliffe SHPDA Administrator

Friday, April 5, 2019
9:30 a.m.

1 **Agency's Position:** The State Health Planning and Development Agency supports the
2 nomination and confirmation of Ms. Colette Kon to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning
3 Council (HONSAC).

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation of
6 HONSAC Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Colette Kon.

7 Ms. Kon is currently the Patient Safety Manager for the Geriatric Extended Care
8 Services at the Veterans Affairs Pacific Island Health Care System (VAPIHCS). She was
9 formerly the Associate Chief Nurse at VAPIHCS. Prior to her work at VAPIHCS, she was the
10 Director of Nursing for Malama Ohana East at Kaiser Permanente in Moanalua. Ms. Kon has
11 an extensive background in nursing and has served here locally and across the continent.
12 Past positions include work at Pohai Nani Good Samaritan, Straub Mililani Urgent Care, Palo
13 Alto Medical Clinic, Baystate Medical Center, Applewood at Amherst, and Kuakini Medical
14 Center.

15 Ms. Kon has a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Massachusetts at
16 Amherst and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Hawaii Pacific University.

- 1 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Ms. Colette Kon to the Honolulu Subarea
- 2 Health Planning Council.

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April 3, 2019

SAC Review Panel
State Health Planning and Development Agency
1177 Alakea St. #402
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Dear SAC Review Panel:

I have known Ms. Colette Kon for more than six years and had the privilege of working along side her in the Department of Veterans Affairs Pacific Islands Health Care System (VAPIHCS). As a medical center Administrative Officer, and team member of Ms. Kon, I witnessed her unceasing dedication to the care of our nation's veterans and their families, fellow caregivers, and her staff. She placed the quality of care, the health and safety, and the well-being of our veterans first, and worked diligently with an approximately 80-member nursing staff, and numerous other multidisciplinary professionals to ensure that the veterans' experience met, and or surpassed the standards of care in the VA.

Ms. Kon, besides being an innate caregiver, is a highly motivated and extremely knowledgeable Advanced Practice Nurse and continues to surprise me with her grasp of medical regulations, healthcare standards, and clinical savvy. She accepted the challenge of leadership at the Center for Aging at VAPIHCS, and used her knowledge and clinical skills to enhance the lives of our veterans, by not only providing excellent medical care, but by listening to them, recommending and effecting changes, and advocating on their behalf to VA leadership.

Finally, I would submit, that Ms. Kon's long-standing commitment to others, is but an extension of her sense of community, and *ohana*. She would augment the SHPDA, offering the council, the one of best of the clinical voices of Hawaii, and the best of the community.

Sincerely,

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